
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1987

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By House Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Representatives Priest, Ormsby, Curtis and Anderson)

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1 AN ACT Relating to alternative assessments; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 28A.655 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.655
5 RCW to read as follows:

6 By January 15, 2006, the office of the superintendent of public
7 instruction, as part of any feasibility study of options for the
8 alternative assessments under RCW 28A.655.061(11), shall review the
9 course requirements and assessments in one or more representative
10 career and technical programs that lead to industry certification to
11 determine the alignment of the courses and assessments with the
12 essential academic learning requirements measured in the high school
13 Washington assessment of student learning. The purpose of the review
14 is to determine if the certifications can be used as evidence that a
15 student has met the standards measured by the Washington assessment of
16 student learning. The review also shall evaluate the statewide
17 availability and use of the certifications. As part of the review, the
18 superintendent shall make a determination of the extent to which the
19 certifications are comparable in rigor to the reading, writing,

1 mathematics, or science Washington assessments of student learning, and
2 whether they should be used as alternative assessments. The
3 superintendent also shall develop a process for reviewing additional
4 industry certification programs after the initial review.

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